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In re Patent Application of)
Ryota SUGIMOTO) Group Art Unit: 3764
Application No.: 09/870,672) Examiner: F. Mathew
Filed: June 1, 2001) Confirmation No.: 8651
For: IMPLANTABLE TUBULAR DEVICE)

AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents P. O. Box 1450 Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

Sir:

PECENED APR 19 2004 CENTER RSTOO In response to the Official Action dated October 16, 2003, the response period being extended to April 16, 2004 by a petition for three month extension of time filed concurrently herewith, Applicant requests that the application identified above be amended in the following manner.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the claim summary which begins on page two of this paper.

Remarks begin on page ten of this paper.

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